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Grants to Harijan hostels.

* 585 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of additional grants given to Harijan hostels in (*a*) Andhra area, (*b*) Madras City and (*c*) the Residuary State; and

(*b*) the total amount spent under each category during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—

"(*a*)	(i) Andhra area (including Bellary district) ..	278
	(ii) Madras City	69
	(iii) Residuary State (excluding Madras City) ..	229
		RS.
(*b*)	Andhra area (including Bellary district) ..	41,700
	Madras City	10,350
	Residuary area	34,350"

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO:—"Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell us whether the figures relate to last year."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"Yes, Sir, the figures furnished are for 1952–53."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH:—"May I know whether it is a fact that the Government have decided not to sanction additional grants to the Harijan Hostels and if so what are the reasons?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"There is no sufficient provision to increase the grants, Sir."

Recognition of Harijan hostels.

* 586 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon the Minister for Education be pleased to state the total number of Harijan hostels newly recognized in (*a*) Rayalaseema, (*b*) Circars and (*c*) Residuary State, and the total number of grants given to such hostels?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—

	Number of hostels.	Number of grants.
"(*a*) Rayalaseema	12	186
(*b*) Circars	18	126
(*c*) Residuary State ..	17	243"

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—"On a point of order, Sir, the Residuary State has not yet come into existence. How can the Hon. Minister give figures for the 'Residuary State'?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"I may modify it by saying 'Districts that would come into the Residuary State'."

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SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" May I know whether the Government would recognise the new hostels in Rayalaseema and give them grants? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" According to the financial possibilities, the backward areas will be given priority, Sir."

SRI K. VENKAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, the number of hostels organised and recognised for the College students in different areas? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister how many Harijan hostels are not recognised so far and will the Government come forward to recognise such hostels this year? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" As many as possible will be recognised according to the availability of funds, Sir."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know, Sir, the reasons for non-recognition of Muthukur and Buchi hostels run by the Harijan young men? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I require notice regarding the particular hostels referred to, Sir."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" అనేక హరిజన హాస్టల్సుమీద డబ్బు దుర్వినియోగం చేసినట్లు రిపోర్టులు వచ్చినదిగదా వాటి మీద ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఏమి చర్య తీసుకున్నారు ? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Wherever a complaint is received, it is immediately enquired into and action taken to set it right."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Are these Harijan hostels meant for backward classes also and if so, what is the percentage fixed for backward class students? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no percentage fixed. For actual figures, I require notice, Sir."

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" Sir, the Government have given a warning to the hostels that they would not be given additional grants. As the hostels have taken new students as early as June and as the warning came too late and some of the smaller hostels which have taken a large number of students will be put to suffering because of this Government Order, will the Government consider such cases and see that some additional grants are given in hard cases like these? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Instructions were issued very early this year, Sir."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" ஸார், கடந்த சில வருஷங்களாக கோயம்பத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு என்று கையாண்டு வந்த முறை இப்பொழுது கையாளப்படவில்லை. அதைப் பற்றி கவர்ன்மெண்டுக் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறோம். ஆகையால் ஜனத்தொகையை அனுசரித்து கோயம்பத்தூர் ஹரிஜன ஹாஸ்டலுக்கு தனியாக கிராண்டு கொடுக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருவார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் இதைப் பற்றி தனியாக ஒரு கேள்வி போட்டுக் கேளுங்கள்."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, may I know whether backward class students are admitted anywhere in the Harijan hostels? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, they are admitted in many hostels."

Leprosy Sanatorium for Madras.

9–50 a.m. * 587 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of a Leprosy Sanatorium in Madras has been completed;

(*b*) the number of leprosy patients in the State on 28th February 1953; and

(*c*) the number of beds in the Leprosy Sanatoria in the State on 28th February 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Government are not constructing any leprosy sanatorium in the Madras City. There is no such proposal now under consideration.

" (*b*) No detailed survey has yet been conducted to determine the incidence of leprosy in the various districts of the State. No information is therefore available regarding the number of leprosy patients in the State (on a given date).

" (*c*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of increasing the number of beds from 15 and 8 in the Leprosy Sanatoria in Krishna and Chittoor districts respectively as the present bed strength is inadequate? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They are private institutions, Sir."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Do the Government offer any attraction to leper patients to receive treatment periodically in the hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. There are several clinics all over the State where out-patient treatment is given to leprosy patients."

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